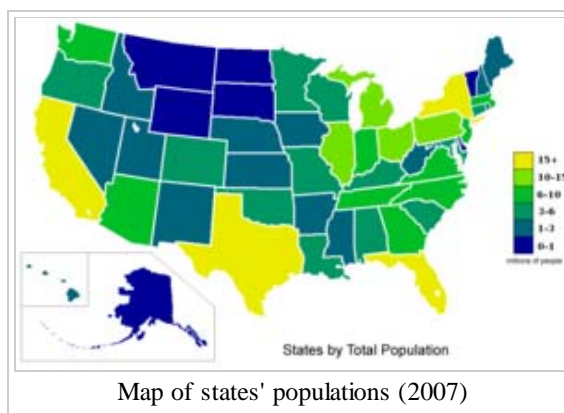




List of U.S. states by population

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This is a list of states of the United States by population (with inhabited non-state jurisdictions included for comparison) as of July 1, 2007, according to the 2007 estimates of the United States Census Bureau. The total population of the United States was 281,421,906 at the 2000 Census. As of July 1, 2007, the estimated population of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the other insular areas of the United States was 305,986,357. Notably, the top nine states in population contain slightly more than half of the total population. The twenty-five lowest-population states contain less than one-sixth of the total population. The



United States Census counts most persons present on the territory of the United States other than short-term visitors, including citizens, non-citizen permanent residents, non-citizen long-term visitors, and illegal aliens. In addition, those serving abroad in the United States Armed Forces and their dependents are also counted in their home state.

Based on data from the decennial census, each state is allocated a proportion of the 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives, though regardless of population, each state is guaranteed a minimum of one seat. The Electoral College is the body that, every four years, elects the President and Vice President of the United States. Each state's representation in the Electoral College is equal to that state's total number of members in both houses of the United States Congress. In the Twenty-third Amendment to the United States Constitution, the District of Columbia, which lies outside of the jurisdiction of any state, is granted as many votes in the Electoral College as it would have if it were a state, but no more than is given the state with the lowest representation in that body, which is three. Thus, the total representation in the College is 538 members (equal to 100 senators plus 435 representatives, plus 3 members for the District of Columbia). The 11 most populous states have a majority of the electoral college votes, enough to elect the President.

States and territories

Rank Among States	Rank Among All Territories	State	Population (2007 est.)	House seats	Elec. College votes	Cum. Electoral Votes	Pop. per House seat	Pop. per electoral vote	Percent of total pop. ^[1]	Cumulative percentage ^[2]
01	01	California	36,553,215	53	55	55	689,683	664,604	11.95%	11.95%
02	02	Texas	23,904,380	32	34	89	747,012	703,070	7.81%	19.76%
03	03	New York	19,297,729	29	31	120	665,439	622,507	6.31%	26.07%
04	04	Florida	18,251,243	25	27	147	730,050	675,972	5.97%	32.04%
05	05	Illinois	12,852,548	19	21	168	676,450	612,026	4.20%	36.24%
06	06	Pennsylvania	12,432,792	19	21	189	654,357	592,038	4.06%	40.30%
07	07	Ohio	11,466,917	18	20	209	637,051	573,346	3.75%	44.05%

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08	08	Michigan	10,071,822	15	17	226	671,455	592,460	3.29%	47.34%
09	09	Georgia	9,544,750	13	15	241	734,212	636,317	3.12%	50.46%
10	10	North Carolina	9,061,032	13	15	256	697,002	604,069	3.08%	53.42%
11	11	New Jersey	8,685,920	13	15	271	668,148	579,061	2.84%	56.26%
12	12	Virginia	7,712,091	11	13	284	701,099	593,238	2.52%	58.78%
13	13	Washington	6,468,424	9	11	295	718,714	588,038	2.11%	60.89%
14	14	Massachusetts	6,449,755	10	12	307	644,978	537,480	2.11%	63.00%
15	15	Indiana	6,345,289	9	11	318	705,032	576,844	2.07%	65.07%
16	16	Arizona	6,338,755	8	10	328	792,344	633,876	2.07%	67.14%
17	17	Tennessee	6,156,719	9	11	339	684,080	559,702	2.01%	69.15%
18	18	Missouri	5,878,415	9	11	350	653,157	534,401	1.92%	71.07%
19	19	Maryland	5,618,344	8	10	360	702,293	561,834	1.84%	72.91%
20	20	Wisconsin	5,601,640	8	10	370	700,205	560,164	1.83%	74.74%
21	21	Minnesota	5,197,621	8	10	380	649,703	519,762	1.70%	76.44%
22	22	Colorado	4,861,515	7	9	389	694,502	540,168	1.59%	78.03%
23	23	Alabama	4,627,851	7	9	398	661,122	514,206	1.51%	79.54%
24	24	South Carolina	4,407,709	6	8	406	734,618	550,963	1.44%	80.98%
25	25	Louisiana	4,293,204	7	9	415	613,315	477,023	1.40%	82.38%
26	26	Kentucky	4,241,474	6	8	423	706,912	530,184	1.39%	83.77%
A	27	<i>Puerto Rico</i>	3,942,375	(1) ^[3]	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.29%	85.06%
27	28	Oregon	3,747,455	5	7	430	749,491	535,351	1.23%	86.29%
28	29	Oklahoma	3,617,316	5	7	437	723,463	516,759	1.18%	87.47%
29	30	Connecticut	3,502,309	5	7	444	700,462	500,330	1.15%	88.62%
30	31	Iowa	2,988,046	5	7	451	597,609	426,864	0.98%	89.60%
31	32	Mississippi	2,918,785	4	6	457	729,696	486,464	0.95%	90.55%
32	33	Arkansas	2,834,797	4	6	463	708,699	462,666	0.93%	91.48%
33	34	Kansas	2,775,997	4	6	469	693,999	462,666	0.91%	92.39%
34	35	Utah	2,645,330	3	5	474	881,777	529,066	0.87%	93.26%
35	36	Nevada	2,565,382	3	5	479	855,127	513,076	0.84%	94.10%
36	37	New Mexico	1,969,915	3	5	484	751,939	459,993	0.64%	94.74%
37	38	West Virginia	1,812,035	3	5	489	604,012	362,407	0.59%	95.33%
38	39	Nebraska	1,774,571	3	5	494	591,524	354,914	0.58%	95.91%
39	40	Idaho	1,499,402	2	4	498	749,701	374,851	0.49%	96.40%
40	41	Maine	1,317,207	2	4	502	658,604	329,302	0.43%	96.83%
41	42	New Hampshire	1,315,828	2	4	506	657,914	328,957	0.43%	97.26%

42	43	Hawaiï	1,283,388	2	4	510	641,694	320,847	0.42%	97.68%
43	44	Rhode Island	1,057,832	2	4	514	528,916	264,458	0.35%	98.03%
44	45	Montana	957,861	1	3	517	957,861	319,287	0.31%	98.34%
45	46	Delaware	864,764	1	3	520	864,764	288,255	0.28%	98.62%
46	47	South Dakota	796,214	1	3	523	796,214	265,405	0.26%	98.88%
47	48	Alaska	683,478	1	3	526	683,478	227,826	0.22%	99.10%
48	49	North Dakota	639,715	1	3	529	639,715	213,238	0.21%	99.31%
49	50	Vermont	621,254	1	3	532	621,254	207,085	0.20%	99.51%
B	51	<i>District of Columbia</i>	588,292	(1) ^[4]	3	535	n/a	196,097	0.19%	99.70%
50	52	Wyoming	522,830	1	3	538	522,830	174,277	0.17%	99.87%
C	53	<i>Guam</i>	173,456	(1) ^[4]	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.06%	99.93%
D	54	<i>US Virgin Islands</i>	108,448	(1) ^[4]	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.04%	99.96%
E	55	<i>Northern Mariana Islands</i>	84,546	0 ^[5]	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.03%	99.99%
F	56	<i>American Samoa</i>	57,291	(1) ^[4]	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.02%	100.00%

1. ^ Because of rounding of the individual percentages, the entries in this column may not sum to 100.00%.
2. ^ Because of rounding, this column may not be the exact sum of the previous cumulative and the adjacent column.
3. ^ Puerto Rico elects a non-voting resident commissioner to the House.
4. ^ *a b c d* American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands are represented by one non-voting House delegate each.
5. ^ An act to add a delegate from the Northern Mariana Islands was signed into law on May 8, 2008. The CNMI is currently unrepresented in Congress, but will replace its Resident Representative in Washington DC with a non-voting delegate in the House following an election in November 2008. Bush signs federalization bill (<http://www.saipantribune.com/newsstory.aspx?cat=1&newsID=79834>) , Agnes E. Donato, Saipan Tribune, May 10, 2008.

See also

- United States Electoral College
- United States House of Representatives
- List of European Union Member States by population
- List of United States cities by population

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